

COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>		REPORT
TOPIC <u>1. Litten-Neupurschwitz Airfield (Rantzen)</u>		25X1
<u>2. Husaren Kaserne in Rantzen</u>		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS		25X1
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1. In mid-November 1952 [redacted] construction work at Litten-Neupurschwitz was to be accelerated. For this purpose, about 500 workers were to be hired. It was rumored that the field was to be permanently occupied by Volkspolizei. At present, VP men were already stationed there. They had started training activity with several single-engine trainers. 25X1
2. The VP men who were given flight training at the field were quartered in the former Husaren Kaserne. They were estimated at about 1,000 men. An additional 120 to 150 Russians wearing blue epaulets were also quartered in the Husaren Kaserne. These Russians who were repeatedly observed on the way to the airfield probably were the training personnel of the VP. 25X1
3. [redacted] 25X1
4. Prior to 3 December, various buildings at the airfield were completed. Just north of the Baschuetz-Wurschen road, there was a small brick building, the use of which is unknown. Northeast of this building, there was a low wooden building which [redacted] was the EM quarters and east of this building, there was the flight control building which had been completed some time ago. A building, probably a hangar, was under construction. West of the Neupurschwitz-Purschwitz road, there was a completed temporary building which was occupied by the Bauunion South. East of this road, there was a kitchen and east of this kitchen there was a temporary building which, according to workers, was to be used as EM quarters. Another EM building, which at present was occupied by laborers, was located east of the Neupurschwitz-Purschwitz road, about 500 meters south of Purschwitz. Five rows of masts with lines were also east of this road. No leads were identified. A line was being laid from the flight control building toward the masts. A transformer, probably for the airfield, was under construction at the road intersection in Neupurschwitz. 25X1
5. Prior to 8 December, additional construction material, prefabricated barracks, cement and bricks arrived and were unloaded along the Baschuetz-Wurschen road between the kilometer markers 3.5 and 5.5. Unpacked cement was stored in a shed. In early December, 70 to 80 narrow-gauge field lorries, 13 Diesel-locomotives and a number of narrow-gauge field rails were available

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at the airfield. Three dozers, apparently with Soviet drivers, were used at the field.

6. [redacted] about 30 men were employed at the field in early December. The same number was mentioned by the wife of an innkeeper in Purschwitz. [redacted] the number of workers was soon to be increased.³ 25X1

7. In November and early December, the Soviet training personnel and the VP student pilots were daily carried from the Husaren Kaserne to the field. The field was guarded by a comparatively small number of sentries. If there was no air activity, 13 planes were parked north of the Saschuetz-Wurschen road near the flight control station.

8. [redacted] the Husaren Kaserne was occupied by about 200 Soviets and about 500 VPs. The Russians who belonged to an air force unit undoubtedly were the training personnel for the VP pilots. In early December, it was repeatedly observed that VP units marched out of the barracks installation. These units never numbered more than 120 men. They were definitely subdivided in platoons of 36 to 40 men each. The interior of the barracks installation could not be observed. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] drilling was exercised in the barracks yard. [redacted] VP student pilots received theoretical instruction in the barracks installation.¹

9. [redacted] 25X1

10. Between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on 24 November, 40 student pilots, a command car and a radio truck were observed on the northern edge of the field. Practice flights were made by 10 planes which took off successively and remained aloft for about 10 minutes. The landings were performed next to the take-off point. The student pilots were exchanged between the individual flights. The same activity was conducted between 12:30 and 1:15 p.m. At 1:15 p.m., a red light flashed up from the command car whereupon the aircraft taxied to the dispersal area. At 1:30 p.m., about 50 men were given instruction on the parked planes. At 9:30 a.m. on 2 December, the command car and the radio truck were parked on the northern edge of the field. Thirteen aircraft stood at the dispersal area near the flight control station. During the morning, no military activity was observed at the field. Fourteen men stood at the entrance to the field. At 1 p.m., the command car and the radio truck were observed near the flight control station.¹

11. In late November, the airfield was guarded by VP who wore olive drab uniforms with blue collar patches and were armed with carbines. A guard house was located at the northwestern edge of the field. A sentry was observed at the entrance at the southwestern side of the field. This was the only entrance which could be observed.

12. [redacted] the construction project of Litten airfield, located east of the Purschwitz-Neupurschwitz road, costs 50 million 25X1

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eastmarks. The project is allegedly to be completed in about one year.³

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1. Comment. The pilots of the 3rd Regt of the VP Air Force Division are being trained at Litten-Neupurschwitz airfield near Bautzen. The personnel of this regiment and of the IIIrd Supply Bn of the VP Air Force are quartered in the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen. Thirteen Yak-18s are available for training purposes.

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2. Comment. the fighter regiment with the pertaining OATB, which was formerly stationed at Parchim airfield, is now used as a training unit for the 1st VP Air Div.

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3. Comment. For location sketch of installations see Annex 1. It is believed that the airfield is to be enlarged beyond the previously assumed size. The area east of the Purschwitz-Neupurschwitz road will probably be included in the field area.

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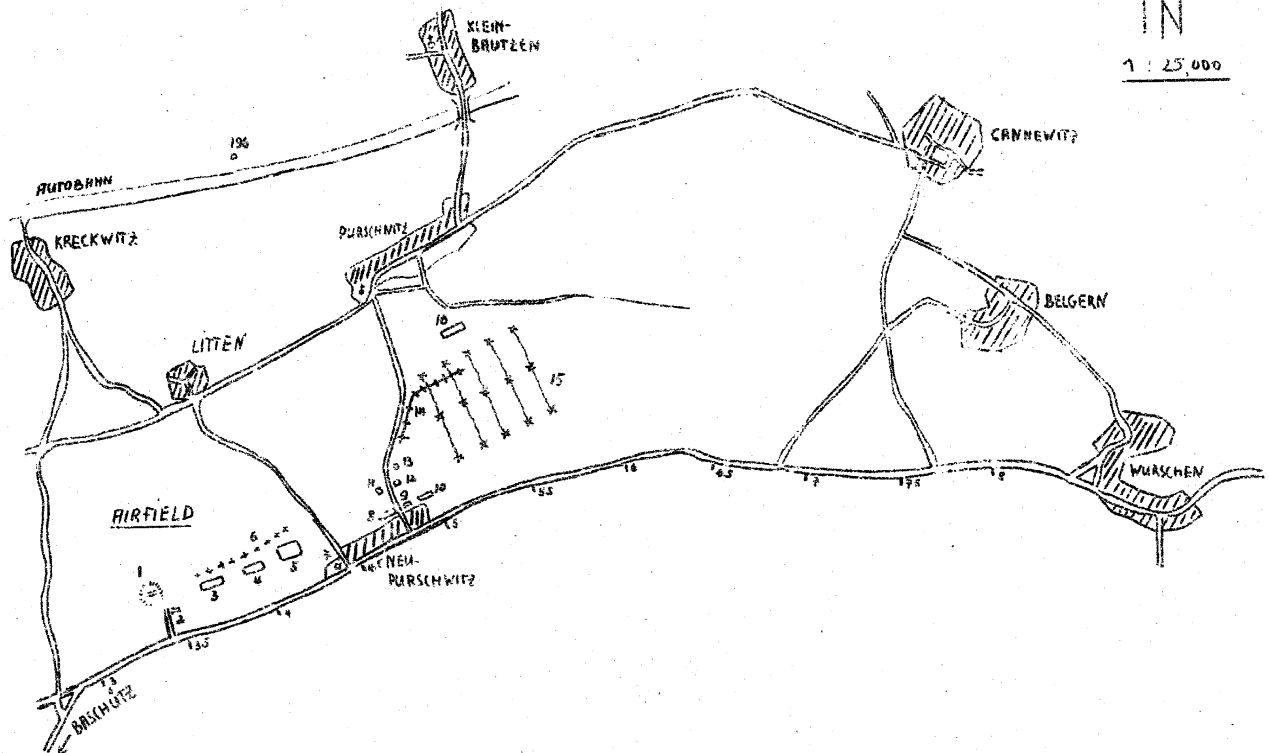
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Annex 1

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Litten - Neupurschwitz Airfield



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Annex 1

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Litten-Neupurschwitz Airfield

Legend:

- 1 Fire extinguisher
- 2 Small brick building
- 3 Temporary building for EM
- 4 Flight control station with tower
- 5 Building under construction, apparently hangar
- 6 Dispersal area for 13 trainer aircraft
- 7 Newly erected transformer
- 8 Temporary building housing offices of Dresden Bauunion South
- 9 Kitchen
- 10 Temporary building for EM
- 11 Cement storage area
- 12 and 13 Large heaps of briquettes
- 14 Narrow gauge field railway tracks
- 15 Light poles for electric lines
- 16 Temporary building, apparently for EM, at present occupied by workers

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